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FARC

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Tim Kaylor (K4TGK), our Vice-President, called the August meeting to order at 7:30pm. All members and guests introduced themselves. There were 15 members and 1 guest present.

Our Treasurer, KA3JAL, John Germain reported as follows:

Began July	\$4,160.93
No Income	\$00.00
Paid Hayes Insurance	\$300.00
(Liability Insurance)	
Ended July with	\$3,860.93

The repeater account stands at \$5,223.02.

ARRL Section Report: -- Section Manager Marc Tarplee, N4UFP, had open heart surgery. Dr. Jim Boehner, N2ZZ is filling in for him.

PIO – N4JJ, Jack Jackson was not present so there was no PIO report.

Em-Comm— We still do not have an Emergency Communications person. Anyone wishing to do this, let us know.

Repeaters: All repeaters were reported as working well.

Old Business: John Germain, KA3JAL, reported that the cost of the liability insurance for the club was within the 10% we had discussed the previous month, therefore he paid the bill.

New Business:

The Hearts system had activated a repeater in Rock Hill on the frequency 146.970, which is the same as one of our repeaters. They contacted us last year asking us to allow that repeater to be used on that frequency. Due to fears of interference, we had voted a resounding NO to their request. They activated it anyway. K4AVR contacted Roger Gregory at the Shelby Hamfest and that repeater situation is now rectified. The members decided we should still send a formal letter of “complaint” to reinforce our position on this matter.

SERA: Jim Starling, W4GEY, told us that SERA has not updated the information for the 97 machine, even though we have provided all the requested infor-



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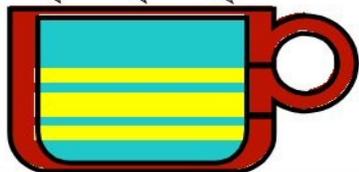
mation. Sometime in the future Sera plans to make updates possible on the web.

Program: There was no program this meeting. Tim Kaylor, K4TGG, will present information on digital operation at the October meeting. He plans to cover equipment and setup, PSK, Olivia, JT65 and other modes of operation.

Event: The MS Breakaway At The Beach, a bicycling event in support of raising money for Muscular Sclerosis, will be held on September 24 and 25. We discussed the event needing operators to man the rest stops, which are every 8 to 10 miles.

Channel 11: K4TGG, Tim Kaylor is looking into getting a public service announcement on channel 11. He has contacted them and found that it is handled through the Florence city manager's office. The cost is free. We have to submit our ad and they will evaluate it to see if it

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BJ Lounge Saturday 9 AM

meets the requirements for a free public service announcement.

Shelby Hamfest: There were 4 hams from Florence that we know of that attended the Shelby Hamfest. They were K4AVR (Mac Cullom, KG4YVJ (Suzie Cullom, K4TGG (Tim Kaylor), and KJ4BVM (Earl Parnell). It was a nice bright and hot day. The ham fest was spread out all over the park, but one thing that saved some of us was that you could rent a golf cart. A 2 person cart was \$40 for the day. What was really interesting was that a storm had knocked out the A/C to the vendor building. Once you had been inside for a while, you would come back out into the air conditioning because it is only 91 degrees and probably 10 degrees cooler than inside. Mac and Suzie also ran into N4DOU, John Schumacher, there.

VE Testing:

Our next VE session is scheduled for October 8, 2011, 9 a.m. at Methodist Manor.

September Birthdays

02 Jerry Jebaily, KI4OEU
13 Wink DeWitt, KD4WMC
29 William Cheney, N4AAK

Ham Radio Deluxe: According to articles at QRZ.com, the favorite program of many hams for CAT and digital communications will be making a change. It seems that Simon Brown has lost interest in programming Ham Radio Deluxe and has sold it to three hams that

plan to continue development. This will probably mean that it is no longer free. Stay tuned...

Upcoming Events

October 1:

Rock Hill Hamfest.

October 15:

Lake Hartwell Hamfest (Anderson).

October 15 and 16:

JOTA — The Jamboree On The Air.

October 22:

Sumter "Open Air" Hamfest.

N4DOU: The week of September 12, K4TGG had a trip to Atlanta, where he looked up John Schumacher, N4DOU. Tim enjoyed visiting with him for about an hour and a half. You will remember that John used to be the president of the FARC just a couple of short years ago.

John is doing quite well. He has

a beautiful home and loves his "new" job as Chaplain for palliative care at Emory HealthCare. He says it is a better work environment and that he is glad he made the move. Below is a photo of John in his shack. That is an FT-101B on the right. He said it works fine. He had to make a few repairs, but has had fun doing so.

Our Disabled List

Please remember our members who are currently having medical problems:

N4JJ, Jack Jackson, had carotid surgery and is back home and working.

KM4D, Dave Jones had surgery at Carolinas Hospital and is recovering.

W8IXZ, Harry Paxton is recovering from a broken leg. He is now in the Commander Nursing Home on Pamlico highway in room 10. He has a phone, 407-4790. Stop by or call. He will be tickled to see or hear from you.

